

(3) In order to assure the people that these rehabilitation centers will be safe, they should, to the maximum extent practicable, be located and operated by local government, consistent with statewide standards, and with State financial and technical support;

(4) Only in the event of a demonstrated need for a facility and the inability of a local government to provide for its location after a reasonable period of time should the State have the power to locate, construct, and operate it.

707.

(a) As used in this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Center" means a community adult rehabilitation center.

~~{G}--"COMMISSION"----MEANS---MARYLAND---COMMISSION---ON CORRECTIONAL-STANDARDS-~~

[(c)] ~~{D}~~ (c) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Correction.

[(d)] ~~{E}~~ (d) "County" includes Baltimore City.

[(e)] ~~{F}~~ (e) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

708.

(a) The Secretary, with the assistance and advice of the Commissioner, shall evaluate and determine the need, if any, for one or more centers in each county or multicounty region of the State. A county or multicounty region may request a completed need study from the Secretary.

(b) The standard to be used by the Secretary in making his determination is whether, and to what extent, based upon historic data and reasonable projections, there are and will be residents of the county or region convicted of crimes who can best be rehabilitated in community based facilities without substantial danger to the community.

(c) The Secretary shall consult with the governing body of the county or counties comprising a region in preparing his evaluation of need, and shall, upon determining the need, certify his determination to the respective governing bodies. The determination certified to the county governing body shall include the present and future needs over at least a ten-year period, and, where appropriate, recommendations for regional centers to serve more than one county.